

# Greenwich-Stow Creek Regional School District

## Grades: K-2 Dance



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### **Introduction**

The grade K-2 Dance curriculum provides a variety of integrated, interdependent learning opportunities for students to develop artistic literacy and fluency in the dance arts discipline. Students are expected to engage in imagining, creating, and performing ways to express their ideas, and analyze and respond to the artistic works of others. Artistic processes, anchor standards, practices, and performance expectations assist in developing these skills along with grade level appropriate vocabulary, resources, and techniques.

<b>Recommended Pacing Guide</b>	
Creating	10 days throughout
Performing	10 days throughout
Responding	10 days throughout
Connecting	10 days throughout

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<b>Unit 1: Creating</b>	<b>Duration: 10 days throughout</b>
<b>Standards/Learning Targets</b>	
<b>New Jersey Student Learning Standards:</b> 1.1.2.Cr1a: Demonstrate movement in response to a variety of sensory stimuli (e.g., music, imagery, objects) and suggest additional sources for movement ideas. 1.1.2.Cr1b: Combine movements using the elements of dance to solve a movement problem. 1.1.2.Cr2a: Create a movement sequence with a beginning, middle and end. Incorporate the use of a choreographic device. 1.1.2.Cr2b: Develop a dance study by selecting a specific movement vocabulary to communicate a main idea. Discuss how the dance communicates nonverbally 1.1.2.Cr3a: Explore suggestions and make choices to change movement from guided improvisation and/or short remembered sequences. 1.1.2.Cr3b: Document a dance-making experience through drawing, painting, writing, symbols, mapping, collaging, photo sequencing, photo captioning, video captioning, etc.	
<b>Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:</b> <b>Theater</b> 1.4.2.Pr4a: With prompting and support, demonstrate the physical movement, voice and sound which are fundamental to creating drama experiences (e.g., process drama, story drama, creative drama).  <b>Visual Art</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Make art or design with various materials and tools to explore personal interests, questions, and curiosity.</li><li>● Identify safe and non-toxic art materials, tools, and equipment.</li><li>● Demonstrate safe and proper procedures for using materials, tools, and equipment while making art.</li><li>● Demonstrate safe procedures for using and cleaning art tools, equipment, and studio spaces.</li></ul>	
<b>English Language Arts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.</li><li>○ R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.</li><li>○ RI.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li><li>○ RI.K.2 With prompting and support, identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.</li><li>○ RI.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.</li></ul>	

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- RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.
- RI.2.1 Ask and answer such questions as *who, what, where, when, why,* and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
- RI.2.2 Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.
- RL.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- RL.1.2 Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.
- RL.2.2 Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
- RL.2.5 Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.
- RL.K.7 With prompting and support, describe the relationship between illustrations and the story in which they appear (e.g., what moment in a story an illustration depicts).
- RL.1.7 Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.
- RL.2.7 Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.

### Science

1-LS3-1. Make observations to construct an evidence-based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents.

3-LS1-1. Develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth, reproduction, and death.

K-LS1-1: Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive

K-ESS3-3: Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of climate change and humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.

### Social Studies

6.1.2.GeoPP.1: Explain the different physical and human characteristics that might make a location a good place to live (e.g., landforms, climate and weather, resource availability).

6.1.2.Geo.HE.2: Describe how human activities affect the culture and environmental characteristics of places or regions (e.g., transportation, housing, dietary needs)

### Social Emotional Learning [SELARTS](#)

- Recognize one's feelings and thoughts
- Recognize the impact of one's feelings and thoughts on one's own behavior
- Recognize one's personal traits, strengths and limitations
- Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and

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- challenges
- Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of others
- Demonstrate an awareness of the differences among individuals, groups and others' cultural backgrounds
- Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ
- Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings
- Establish and maintain healthy relationships
- Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others
- Recognize the skills needed to establish and achieve personal and educational goals
- Identify and apply ways to persevere or overcome barriers through alternative methods to achieve one's goals
- Evaluate personal, ethical, safety and civic impact of decisions
- Develop, implement and model effective problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices

**Technology Standards:**

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**Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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**Evidence of Student Learning**

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<p><b>Summative Assessments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listening Exam</li> <li>• Performance</li> <li>• Verbal feedback</li> <li>• Student Critique</li> <li>• Individual evaluation</li> <li>• Observation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benchmark Assessments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A final benchmark assessment will be given that can be used to measure success with this unit such as a monologue performance. Additional performance assessments will be developed or chosen by the teacher.</li> <li>• Oral review of technique and vocabulary</li> </ul>

**Knowledge & Skills**

<p><b>Enduring Understandings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographers use a variety of sources as inspiration and transform concepts and ideas into movement for artistic expression</li> <li>• The elements of dance, dance structures, and choreographic devices serve as both a foundation and a departure point for choreographers.</li> <li>• Choreographers analyze, evaluate, refine, and document their work to communicate meaning.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do choreographers get ideas for dances?</li> <li>• What influences choice-making in creating choreography?</li> <li>• How do choreographers use self-reflection, feedback from others and documentation to improve the quality of their work?</li> </ul>
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**Core Instructional & Supplemental Materials**

<p><b>Suggested Activities/Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scripted works as needed</li> <li>• Facility with open space and stage</li> </ul>	<p><b>Varied Levels of Text:</b></p> <p>“I Will Dance” by Nancy Bo Flood          “B is for Ballet” by J.R. Allman</p>
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- Props as needed
- [Bodily Kinesthetic Intelligence and Climate Change Lesson Plan](#)
- [A Butterfly's Life Cycle Dance | Kennedy Center](#)
- [Navajo Weaving](#)
- [Chinese New Year: Lion Dance Puppets](#)

"Boys Dance" by JR Allman  
"Bunheads" by Misty Copeland  
"Welcome to Ballet School" by Ashley Boudier  
"ABC Dance"  
"I Can Make a Water Dance"  
"10 Ballet Dancers"  
"The Very Hungry Caterpillar"  
"First Laugh. Welcome, Baby!"

### Suggested Accommodations For All Units

#### English Language Learners:

- Modified Assignments
- Native Language Translation (peer, online assistive technology, translation device, bilingual dictionary)
- Extended time for assignment completion as needed
- Highlight key vocabulary
- Use graphic organizers

#### Special Education/504 Plans/Students with Disabilities:

- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments.
- Repetition and practice
- Model skills / techniques to be mastered.
- Extended time to complete class work
- Provide copy of class notes
- Preferential seating to be mutually determined by the student and teacher
- Students may request to use a computer to complete assignments.
- Establish expectations for correct spelling on assignments.
- Extra textbooks for home.
- Students may request books on tape / CD / digital media, as available and appropriate.
- Assign a peer helper in the class setting
- Provide oral reminders and check student work during independent work time
- Assist student with long and short term planning of assignments
- Encourage student to proofread assignments and tests
- Provide regular parent/ school communication
- Teachers will check/sign student agenda daily
- Student requires use of other assistive technology device

#### Gifted and Talented:

- Extension Activities

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- Conduct research and provide presentation of cultural topics
- Debate topics of interest / cultural importance
- Authentic listening and reading sources that provide data and support for speaking and writing prompts
- Exploration of art and/or artists to understand society and history
- Anchor Activities
- Use of Higher Level Questioning Techniques
- Provide assessments at a higher level of thinking

### **Students at Risk of Failure:**

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### **Economically Disadvantaged:**

- Provide clear, achievable expectations, do not lower academic requirements for them.
- Build a safe and nurturing atmosphere
- Perspective and experiences of the children need to be considered
- Create ways for students to share their emotions
- Give every student the same opportunity for success.
- Use real-world examples and create mental models for abstract idea
- Provide increased knowledge base and vocabulary use about real world experiences.
- Share the decision making in class.
- Daily affirmations
- Asking to hear students' hopes and offering reinforcements of those hopes
- Telling students why they can succeed

### **Culturally Diverse:**

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- Involve families in student learning
- Provide social/emotional support
- Respect cultural traditions
- Build in more group work to encourage interaction with peers
- Show photos, videos, and definitions when possible for culturally unique vocabulary

### **Gifted and Talented**

- Peer mediated strategies
- Cooperative learning groups
- Differentiated instruction

*Presentation accommodations allow a student to:*

- Vary the method of presentation: lecture, small groups, large group, demonstration, individual experimentation
- Use technology tools to enhance content
- Explore real world connections

*Response accommodations allow a student to:*

- Turn and Talk
- Reward risk taking while encouraging students to think “outside of the box”

*Setting accommodations allow a student to:*

- Use flexible seating
- Have choice in seating/grouping

*Timing accommodations allow a student to:*

- Have flexible pacing in terms of content, assignments, and assessments
- Explore extended activities

*Scheduling accommodations allow a student to:*

- Establish a timeline for completing a project
- Have rigorous Pacing

*Organization skills accommodations allow a student to:*

- Model executive functioning
- Utilize independent skills practices

*Assignment modifications allow a student to:*

- Complete enrichment tasks
- Write longer passages on essays and open ended responses including academic vocabulary
- Answer higher order thinking questions
- Cite text evidence

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- Create alternate projects or assignments, student developed rubrics, student choice when completing a project or alternate labs

*Curriculum modifications provide:*

- Topics of interest to the student and/or relevant to how the world works
- Students access to supplemental reading materials matched to individual student lexiles
- Opportunities for open-ended, self-directed activities
- Opportunities to get graded or assessed using a different standard than the one for classmates

**Unit 2: Performing**

**Duration: 10 days throughout**

## Standards/Learning Targets

### **New Jersey Student Learning Standards:**

- 1.1.2.Pr4a: Perform planned and improvised movement sequences, with variations in direction ( e.g., forward/backward, up/down, big/small, sideways, right/left, diagonal), spatial level (e.g., low, middle, high), and spatial pathways (e.g., straight, curved, circular, zigzag), alone and in small groups.
- 1.1.2.Pr4b: Perform planned and improvised movement sequences, with variations in tempo, meter, and rhythm, alone and in small groups.
- 1.1.2.Pr4c: Demonstrate contrasting dynamics and energy with accuracy (e.g., loose/tight, light/heavy, sharp/smooth)
- 1.1.2.Pr5a: Identify personal and general space to share space safely with other dancers. Categorize healthful strategies (e.g., nutrition, injury prevention, emotional health, overall functioning) essential for the dancer.
- 1.1.2.Pr5b: Identify basic body parts and joints (e.g., limb, bone) and joint actions (e.g., bend, rotate). Examine how basic body organs (e.g., brain, lungs, heart) relate and respond to dance movements.
- 1.1.2.Pr5c: Explore the use of spine and pursue use of elongated spine. Demonstrate body organization (e.g., core/distal, head/tail, upper/lower half lateral) and explore cross-lateral body organization. Demonstrate holding a shape in the body while traveling through space.
- 1.1.2.Pr5d: Explore a variety of body positions requiring a range of strength, flexibility and core support.
- 1.1.2.Pr5e: Explore locomotor action vocabulary (e.g., gallop, hop, slide, skip) and non-locomotor action vocabulary (e.g., bending, stretching, twisting) and execute codified movements from various styles/genres with genre specific alignment. Demonstrate, through focused practice and repetition (e.g., breath control, body part initiations, body sequencing).
- 1.1.2.Pr6a: Explore how visualization, motor imagery and breath can enhance body mechanics and the quality of a movement skill.

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- 1.1.2.Pr6b: Rehearse a simple dance using full body movement. Demonstrate the ability to recall the sequence and spatial elements.
- 1.1.2.Pr6c: Dance for and with others in a designated space identifying a distinct area for audience and performers.
- 1.1.2.Pr6d: Use simple production elements (e.g., hand props, scenery, media projections) in a dance work

### **Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

#### **Theater**

1.4.2.Pr4a: With prompting and support, demonstrate the physical movement, voice and sound which are fundamental to creating drama experiences (e.g., process drama, story drama, creative drama).

#### **Visual Art**

Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art.

#### **English Language Arts:**

- R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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#### **Social Studies:**

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**Summative Assessments:**

- Listening Exam
- Performance
- Verbal feedback
- Student Critique
- Individual evaluation
- Observation

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vocabulary	
<b>Knowledge &amp; Skills</b>	
<p><b>Enduring Understandings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Space, time and energy are basic elements of dance.</li> <li>● The way the body is developed, execution of movement and movement quality vary in different dance styles, genres and traditions</li> <li>● Dancers use the mind-body connection and develop the body as an instrument for artistry and artistic expression. Dance performance is an interaction between performer, production elements, and audience that heightens and amplifies artistic expression.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How do dancers work with space, time and energy to communicate artistic expression?</li> <li>● How is the body used as an instrument for technical and artistic expression?</li> <li>● What must a dancer do to prepare the mind and body for artistic expression? How does a dancer heighten artistry in a public performance?</li> </ul>
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<b>Unit 3: Responding</b>	<b>Duration: 10 days throughout</b>
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**Standards/Learning Targets**

**New Jersey Student Learning Standards:**

- 1.1.2.Re7a: Demonstrate movements in a dance that develop patterns.
- 1.1.2.Re7b: Observe and describe performed dance movements from a specific genre or culture
- 1.1.2.Re8a: Observe a movement from a dance or phrase and explain how the movement captures a meaning or intent using simple dance terminology
- 1.1.2.Re9a: Describe the characteristics that make several movements in a dance interesting. Use basic dance terminology.

**Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

**English Language Arts:**

- R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**Social Studies:**

- 6.1.4.D.13 Describe how culture is expressed through and influenced by the behavior of people.

**Social Emotional Learning [SELARTS](#)**

Recognize one’s feelings and thoughts

Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges

Recognize the impact of one’s feelings and thoughts on one’s own behavior

Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others

Demonstrate the ability to prevent and resolve interpersonal conflicts in constructive ways

**Technology Standards:**

- 8.1.2.CS.1: Select and operate computing devices that perform a variety of tasks accurately and quickly based on user needs and preferences.

**Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills Practices**

9.4.2.Cl.1: Demonstrate openness to new ideas and perspectives (1.1.2.CR1a, 2.1.2.EH.1, 6.1.2.CivicsCM.2).

9.4.2.CT.3: Use a variety of types of thinking to solve problems (e.g., inductive, deductive).

9.4.2.GCA:1: Articulate the role of culture in everyday life by describing one’s own culture and comparing it to the cultures of other individuals (1.5.2.C2a, 7.1.NL.IPERS.5, 7.1.NL.IPERS.6)

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LGBT and Disabilities Law N.J.S.A 18A:35-4.35 Instruction on the political, economic, and social integration of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum

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Holocaust Law N.J.S.A 18A:35-28  
Instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum with an emphasis on the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.

### Evidence of Student Learning

**Formative Tasks:**

- Class participation
- Teacher observation
- Questioning
- Discussion
- Demonstration
- Composition
- Think-Pair-Share
- Peer/Self-Assessment
- Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down
- Emoji Self-assessment Door Chart

**Alternative Assessments:**

- Rubric or Observation Checklist scoring student planning, lyrics, sheet music, or practice towards performance
- Student self-reflection or discussion while planning their performance
- Conversation/presentation rubric to score student work and presentation of final project or performance

**Summative Assessments:**

- Listening Exam
- Performance
- Verbal feedback
- Student Critique
- Individual evaluation
- Observation

**Benchmark Assessments:**

- A final benchmark assessment will be given that can be used to measure success with this unit such as a monologue performance. Additional performance assessments will be developed or chosen by the teacher.
- Oral review of technique and vocabulary

### Knowledge & Skills

**Enduring Understandings:**

- Dance is perceived and analyzed to comprehend its meaning
- Dance is interpreted by considering intent, meaning and artistic

**Essential Questions:**

- How is a dance understood?
- How is dance interpreted?
- What criteria are used to evaluate dance?

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<p>expression as communicated through the use of the body, elements of dance, dance technique, dance structure, and context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Criteria for evaluating dance vary across genres, styles and cultures.</li> </ul>	
<b>Core Instructional &amp; Supplemental Materials</b>	
<p><b>Suggested Activities/Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scripted works as needed</li> <li>● Facility with open space and stage</li> <li>● Props as needed</li> <li>● <a href="#">Bodily Kinesthetic Intelligence and Climate Change Lesson Plan</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Varied Levels of Text:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “Rifka Takes a Bow”</li> <li>● “Moses Sees a Play”</li> <li>● “Stagestruck”</li> <li>● “Pet of the Met”</li> <li>● “Louise the Big Cheese: Diving Diva”</li> </ul>

<b>Suggested Accommodations For All Units</b>
<p><b>English Language Learners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Modified Assignments</li> <li>● Native Language Translation (peer, online assistive technology, translation device, bilingual dictionary)</li> <li>● Extended time for assignment completion as needed</li> <li>● Highlight key vocabulary</li> <li>● Use graphic organizers</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Education/504 Plans/Students with Disabilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations</li> <li>● Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments.</li> <li>● Repetition and practice</li> <li>● Model skills / techniques to be mastered.</li> <li>● Extended time to complete class work</li> <li>● Provide copy of class notes</li> <li>● Preferential seating to be mutually determined by the student and teacher</li> <li>● Students may request to use a computer to complete assignments.</li> <li>● Establish expectations for correct spelling on assignments.</li> <li>● Extra textbooks for home.</li> <li>● Students may request books on tape / CD / digital media, as available and appropriate.</li> <li>● Assign a peer helper in the class setting</li> <li>● Provide oral reminders and check student work during independent work time</li> <li>● Assist student with long and short term planning of assignments</li> <li>● Encourage student to proofread assignments and tests</li> </ul>

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- Provide regular parent/ school communication
- Teachers will check/sign student agenda daily
- Student requires use of other assistive technology device

### **Gifted and Talented:**

- Extension Activities
- Conduct research and provide presentation of cultural topics
- Debate topics of interest / cultural importance
- Authentic listening and reading sources that provide data and support for speaking and writing prompts
- Exploration of art and/or artists to understand society and history
- Anchor Activities
- Use of Higher Level Questioning Techniques
- Provide assessments at a higher level of thinking

### **Students at Risk of Failure:**

- Pair visual prompts with verbal presentations
- Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments.
- Repetition and practice
- Model skills / techniques to be mastered.
- Extended time to complete class work
- Provide copy of class notes
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- Encourage student to proofread assignments and tests
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- Teachers will check/sign student agenda daily
- Student requires use of other assistive technology device

### **Economically Disadvantaged:**

- Provide clear, achievable expectations, do not lower academic requirements for them.
- Build a safe and nurturing atmosphere
- Perspective and experiences of the children need to be considered
- Create ways for students to share their emotions
- Give every student the same opportunity for success.
- Use real-world examples and create mental models for abstract idea
- Provide increased knowledge base and vocabulary use about real world experiences.

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- Share the decision making in class.
- Daily affirmations
- Asking to hear students' hopes and offering reinforcements of those hopes
- Telling students why they can succeed

### **Culturally Diverse:**

- Involve families in student learning
- Provide social/emotional support
- Respect cultural traditions
- Build in more group work to encourage interaction with peers
- Show photos, videos, and definitions when possible for culturally unique vocabulary

### **Gifted and Talented**

- Peer mediated strategies
- Cooperative learning groups
- Differentiated instruction

### *Presentation accommodations allow a student to:*

- Vary the method of presentation: lecture, small groups, large group, demonstration, individual experimentation
- Use technology tools to enhance content
- Explore real world connections

### *Response accommodations allow a student to:*

- Turn and Talk
- Reward risk taking while encouraging students to think "outside of the box"

### *Setting accommodations allow a student to:*

- Use flexible seating
- Have choice in seating/grouping

### *Timing accommodations allow a student to:*

- Have flexible pacing in terms of content, assignments, and assessments
- Explore extended activities

### *Scheduling accommodations allow a student to:*

- Establish a timeline for completing a project
- Have rigorous Pacing

### *Organization skills accommodations allow a student to:*

- Model executive functioning
- Utilize independent skills practices

### *Assignment modifications allow a student to:*

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- Complete enrichment tasks
- Write longer passages on essays and open ended responses including academic vocabulary
- Answer higher order thinking questions
- Cite text evidence
- Create alternate projects or assignments, student developed rubrics, student choice when completing a project or alternate labs

*Curriculum modifications provide:*

- Topics of interest to the student and/or relevant to how the world works
- Students access to supplemental reading materials matched to individual student lexiles
- Opportunities for open-ended, self-directed activities
- Opportunities to get graded or assessed using a different standard than the one for classmates

**Unit 4: Connecting**

**Duration:** 10 days throughout

## Standards/Learning Targets

**New Jersey Student Learning Focus Standards:**

1.1.2.Cn10a: Examine how certain movements are used to express an emotion or experience in a dance that is observed or performed.

- 1.1.2.Cn10b: Using an inquiry-based set of questions, examine global issues, including climate change as a topic for dance.

1.1.2.Cn11a: Observe a dance and relate the movement to the people or environment in which the dance was created and performed.

**Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

**English Language Arts:**

- R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

**Science**

K-LS1-1: Use observations to describe patterns of what plants and animals (including humans) need to survive

K-ESS3-3: Communicate solutions that will reduce the impact of climate change and humans on the land, water, air, and/or other living things in the local environment.

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<b>Evidence of Student Learning</b>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Student Critique</li> <li>● Individual evaluation</li> <li>● Observation</li> </ul>	<p>monologue performance. Additional performance assessments will be developed or chosen by the teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oral review of technique and vocabulary</li> </ul>
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<b>Knowledge &amp; Skills</b>
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<p><b>Enduring Understandings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As dance is experienced, all personal experiences, knowledge and contexts are integrated and synthesized to interpret meaning.</li> <li>● Dance literacy includes deep knowledge and perspectives about societal, cultural, historical, and community contexts.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How does dance deepen our understanding of ourselves, other knowledge and events around us?</li> <li>● How does knowing about societal, cultural, historical, and community experiences expand dance literacy?</li> </ul>
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<b>Core Instructional &amp; Supplemental Materials</b>
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<p><b>Suggested Activities/Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scripted works as needed</li> <li>● Facility with open space and stage</li> <li>● Props as needed</li> <li>● <a href="#">Bodily Kinesthetic Intelligence and Climate Change Lesson Plan</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Varied Levels of Text:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kids-level theater scripts and texts</li> <li>● Grade level books</li> <li>● “Nature Talks Back”</li> <li>● “Peter Rabbit”</li> <li>● “Rikki Tikki Tavi”</li> <li>● “How the Elephant Got Its Trunk”</li> <li>● “Amandina”</li> <li>● “Backstage Cat”</li> <li>● “Rifka Takes a Bow”</li> <li>● “Moses Sees a Play”</li> <li>● “Amazing Grace”</li> <li>● “Kamishibai Man”</li> <li>● “Stagestruck”</li> <li>● “Pet of the Met”</li> <li>● “Louise the Big Cheese: Diving Diva”</li> <li>● “The Happiest Tree”</li> <li>● “The Boy, the Bear, the Baron, and the Bard”</li> <li>● “Full Moon and Star”</li> </ul>
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<b>Suggested Accommodations For All Units</b>
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### **English Language Learners:**

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- Extended time for assignment completion as needed
- Highlight key vocabulary
- Use graphic organizers

### **Special Education/504 Plans/Students with Disabilities:**

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- Ask students to restate information, directions, and assignments.
- Repetition and practice
- Model skills / techniques to be mastered.
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- Involve families in student learning
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### **Gifted and Talented**

- Peer mediated strategies
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- Differentiated instruction

*Presentation accommodations allow a student to:*

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- Vary the method of presentation: lecture, small groups, large group, demonstration, individual experimentation
- Use technology tools to enhance content
- Explore real world connections

*Response accommodations allow a student to:*

- Turn and Talk
- Reward risk taking while encouraging students to think “outside of the box”

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# Greenwich-Stow Creek Regional School District

## Grades: 3-5 Dance



**Board Approved: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Grade: 3-5**

**Content Area: Dance**

### **Introduction**

The grade 3-5 Dance curriculum provides a variety of integrated, interdependent learning opportunities for students to develop artistic literacy and fluency in the dance arts discipline. Students are expected to engage in imagining, creating, and performing ways to express their ideas, and analyze and respond to the artistic works of others. Artistic processes, anchor standards, practices, and performance expectations assist in developing these skills along with grade level appropriate vocabulary, resources, and techniques.

<b>Recommended Pacing Guide</b>	
Creating	10 days throughout
Performing	10 days throughout
Responding	10 days throughout
Connecting	10 days throughout

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<b>Unit 1: Creating</b>	<b>Duration: 10 days throughout</b>
<b>Standards/Learning Targets</b>	
<p><b>New Jersey Student Learning Standards:</b></p> <p>1.1.5.Cr1a: Use a variety of stimuli (e.g., music, sound, text, objects, images, notation, experiences, observed dance, literary forms, natural phenomena, current news) to build dance content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1.1.5.Cr1b: Solve multiple movement problems using the elements of dance to develop dance content.</li></ul> <p>1.1.5.Cr2a: Select a choreographic device to expand movement possibilities, create patterns and structures and develop a main idea. Use dance terminology to explain movement choices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1.1.5.Cr2b: Develop a dance study by selecting a specific movement vocabulary to communicate a main idea. Discuss how the dance communicates non-verbally.</li></ul> <p>1.1.5.Cr3a: Revise movement based on peer feedback and self-reflection to improve communication of artistic intent in a dance study. Explain movement choices and revisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 1.1.5.Cr3b: Document a dance-making experience through drawing, painting, writing, symbols, mapping, collaging, photo sequencing, photo captioning, video captioning, etc.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:</b></p> <p><b>Visual Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Make art or design with various materials and tools to explore personal interests, questions, and curiosity.</li><li>● Identify safe and non-toxic art materials, tools, and equipment.</li><li>● Demonstrate safe and proper procedures for using materials, tools, and equipment while making art.</li><li>● Demonstrate safe procedures for using and cleaning art tools, equipment, and studio spaces.</li></ul> <p><b>English Language Arts:</b></p> <p>RL.3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events</p> <p>RL.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.</p> <p>RL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.</p> <p>RL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).</p>	

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RL.4.5 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.

RL.5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

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RL.5.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

RL.5.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text, including how characters in a story or drama respond to challenges or how the speaker in a poem reflects upon a topic; summarize the text.

RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

### **Social Emotional Learning [SELARTS](#)**

- Recognize one's feelings and thoughts

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- Recognize the impact of one's feelings and thoughts on one's own behavior
- Recognize one's personal traits, strengths and limitations
- Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges
- Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of others
- Demonstrate an awareness of the differences among individuals, groups and others' cultural backgrounds
- Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ
- Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings
- Establish and maintain healthy relationships
- Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others
- Recognize the skills needed to establish and achieve personal and educational goals
- Identify and apply ways to persevere or overcome barriers through alternative methods to achieve one's goals
- Evaluate personal, ethical, safety and civic impact of decisions
- Develop, implement and model effective problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices

**Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

9.4.5.CI.3: Participate in a brainstorming session with individuals with diverse perspectives to expand one's thinking about a topic of curiosity.

9.4.5.CI.1: Use appropriate communication technologies to collaborate with individuals with diverse perspectives about a local and/or global climate change issue and deliberate about possible solutions.

LGBT and Disabilities Law N.J.S.A 18A:35-4.35 Instruction on the political, economic, and social integration of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, in an appropriate place in the curriculum

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**Unit 2: Performing**

**Duration: 10 days throughout**

## **Standards/Learning Targets**

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- 1.1.5.Pr4c: Perform planned and improvised movement sequences and dance combinations applying a variety of dynamics and energy (e.g., fast/slow, sharp/smooth, strong/gentle, tight/loose.)
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- 1.1.5.Pr5d: Demonstrate increased flexibility, strength and endurance using a variety of bases of support (e.g., body shapes, levels, core).
- 1.1.5.Pr5e: Apply action vocabulary and execute specific codified movements from various styles/genres. Demonstrate, through focused practice and repetition, body part initiations and articulation of limbs and joints.
- 1.1.5.Pr6a: Apply visualization, motor imagery and breath to enhance body mechanics and the quality of a movement skill.
- 1.1.5.Pr6b: Rehearse a dance to improve group awareness, unison movement, consistency, and attention to detail.
- 1.1.5.Pr6c: Dance for and with others in formal and informal settings. Identify and modify the main areas of a performance space and body movements using production terminology (e.g., stage left, stage right, center stage, upstage, downstage).

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- 1.1.5.Pr6d: Manipulate a variety of technical elements, (e.g., costumes, lighting, sound, performance cues) to support the artistic intent of the dances.

### **Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

#### **Visual Art**

Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art.

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Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges

Recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of others

Demonstrate an awareness of the differences among individuals, groups and others' cultural backgrounds

Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ

Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings

Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others

Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices

Develop, implement and model effective problem solving and critical thinking skills

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### Knowledge & Skills

**Enduring Understandings:**

- Space, time and energy are basic elements of dance.
- The way the body is developed, execution of movement and movement quality vary in different dance styles, genres and traditions

**Essential Questions:**

- How do dancers work with space, time and energy to communicate artistic expression?

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- Dancers use the mind-body connection and develop the body as an instrument for artistry and artistic expression. Dance performance is an interaction between performer, production elements, and audience that heightens and amplifies artistic expression.

- How is the body used as an instrument for technical and artistic expression?
- What must a dancer do to prepare the mind and body for artistic expression? How does a dancer heighten artistry in a public performance?

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**Unit 3: Responding**

**Duration: 10 days throughout**

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- 1.1.5.Re7a: Describe recurring patterns of movement and their relationships to the meaning of the dance.
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<b>Knowledge &amp; Skills</b>
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<b>Unit 4: Connecting</b>	<b>Duration: 10 days throughout</b>
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**Standards/Learning Targets**

**New Jersey Student Learning Focus Standards:**

- 1.1.5.Cn10a: Describe feelings and ideas evoked by a dance that are observed or performed and examine how they relate to personal points of view and experiences.
- 1.1.5.Cn10b: Use an inquiry base to investigate global issues, including climate change, expressed through a variety of dance genres, styles and cultural lenses.
- 1.1.5.Cn11a: Observe and describe how the movements of a dance in a specific genre or style communicate the ideas and perspectives of the culture, historical period, or community from which the genre or style originated.

**Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

**English Language Arts:**

- R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
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### Suggested Accommodations for All Units

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- Provide regular parent/ school communication
- Teachers will check/sign student agenda daily
- Student requires use of other assistive technology device

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- Share the decision making in class.
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# Greenwich-Stow Creek Regional School District

Grades: 6-8  
Dance



**Board Approved: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Introduction**

The grade 6 Dance curriculum provides a variety of integrated, interdependent learning opportunities for students to develop artistic literacy and fluency in the dance arts discipline. Students are expected to engage in imagining, creating, and performing ways to express their ideas, and analyze and respond to the artistic works of others. Artistic processes, anchor standards, practices, and performance expectations assist in developing these skills along with grade level appropriate vocabulary, resources, and techniques.

<b>Recommended Pacing Guide</b>	
Creating	10 days throughout
Performing	10 days throughout
Responding	10 days throughout
Connecting	10 days throughout

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**Unit 1: Creating**

**Duration: 10 days throughout**

## Standards/Learning Targets

### **New Jersey Student Learning Standards:**

1.1.8.Cr1a: Implement movement created from a variety of stimuli (e.g., music, sound, literary forms, notation, natural phenomena, experiences, current news, social events) to develop an original dance study.

1.1.8.Cr3a: Revise choreography collaboratively or independently based on artistic criteria, self reflection and the feedback of others. Explain movement choices and revisions and how they impact the artistic intent.

### **Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

#### **English Language Arts:**

RI.6.7 Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

#### **Social Emotional Learning [SELARTS](#)**

- Recognize one's feelings and thoughts
- Recognize the impact of one's feelings and thoughts on one's own behavior
- Recognize one's personal traits, strengths and limitations
- Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges
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- Demonstrate an awareness of the differences among individuals, groups and others' cultural backgrounds
- Demonstrate an understanding of the need for mutual respect when viewpoints differ
- Demonstrate an awareness of the expectations for social interactions in a variety of settings
- Establish and maintain healthy relationships
- Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others
- Recognize the skills needed to establish and achieve personal and educational goals
- Identify and apply ways to persevere or overcome barriers through alternative methods to achieve one's goals
- Evaluate personal, ethical, safety and civic impact of decisions
- Develop, implement and model effective problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Identify the consequences associated with one's actions in order to make constructive choices

#### **Science**

MS-LS1-3 Use argument supported by evidence for how the body is a system of interacting subsystems composed of groups of cells.

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**Knowledge & Skills**

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### **Enduring Understandings:**

- Choreographers use a variety of sources as inspiration and transform concepts and ideas into movement for artistic expression.
- The elements of dance, dance structures and choreographic devices serve as both a foundation and a departure point for choreographers.
- Choreographers analyze, evaluate, refine, and document their work to communicate meaning.

### **Essential Questions:**

- Where do choreographers get ideas for dances?
- What influences choice-making in creating choreography?
- How do choreographers use self-reflection, feedback from others and documentation to improve the quality of their work?

### **Core Instructional & Supplemental Materials**

### **Suggested Activities/Resources:**

- Scripted works as needed
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- Props as needed
- [Bodily Kinesthetic Intelligence and Climate Change Lesson Plan](#)
- [Storytelling Through Dance](#)
- [Human Body Systems Dance](#)
- [Do You Wanna Dance?](#)
- [Art in Motion with Kylie Murray](#)
- <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/resources-for-educators/classroom-resources/lessons-and-activities/lessons/6-8/dancing-mythology/>
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### **Varied Levels of Text:**

“The Magic in Changing Your Stars” by L. Henderson

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1.1.8.Pr5b: Examine how kinesthetic principles and various body systems (e.g., cardiovascular, respiratory, musculoskeletal) relate to the dancing body

**Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:**

**Visual Art**

Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art.

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### Knowledge & Skills

**Enduring Understandings:**

- Space, time and energy are basic elements of dance.
- The way the body is developed, execution of movement and movement quality vary in different dance styles, genres and traditions
- Dancers use the mind-body connection and develop the body as an instrument for artistry

**Essential Questions:**

- How do dancers work with space, time and energy to communicate artistic expression?
- How is the body used as an instrument for technical and artistic expression?

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and artistic expression. Dance performance is an interaction between performer, production elements, and audience that heightens and amplifies artistic expression.

- What must a dancer do to prepare the mind and body for artistic expression? How does a dancer heighten artistry in a public performance?

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<b>Unit 3: Responding</b>	<b>Duration: 10 days throughout</b>
<b>Standards/Learning Targets</b>	
<p><b>New Jersey Student Learning Standards:</b></p> <p>1.1.8.Re8a: Examine a dance and explain how artistic expression is achieved through relationships among the elements of dance, use of body, dance technique, and context. Interpret using genre specific dance terminology.</p> <p>1.1.8.Re9a: Examine artistic criteria to determine what makes an effective performance. Consider content, context, genre, style, and /or cultural movement practice to comprehend artistic expression. Use genre-specific dance terminology.</p>	
<b>Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:</b>	

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**English Language Arts:**

RL.6.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

RL.6.3 Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

RI.6.7 Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

**Social Emotional Learning [SELARTS](#)**

Recognize one's feelings and thoughts

Recognize the importance of self-confidence in handling daily tasks and challenges

Recognize the impact of one's feelings and thoughts on one's own behavior

Utilize positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with others

Demonstrate the ability to prevent and resolve interpersonal conflicts in constructive ways

**Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills Practices**

9.4.8.GCA.2: Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.

9.4.8.CT.1: Evaluate diverse solutions proposed by a variety of individuals, organizations, and/or agencies to a local or global problem, such as climate change, and use critical thinking skills to predict which one(s) are likely to be effective (MS-ETS1-2)

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**Evidence of Student Learning**

**Formative Tasks:**

- Class participation
- Teacher observation

**Alternative Assessments:**

- Rubric or Observation Checklist scoring student planning, lyrics, sheet music, or

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<b>Knowledge &amp; Skills</b>
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<p><b>Enduring Understandings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dance is perceived and analyzed to comprehend its meaning</li> <li>● Dance is interpreted by considering intent, meaning and artistic expression as communicated through the use of the body, elements of dance, dance technique, dance structure, and context.</li> <li>● Criteria for evaluating dance vary across genres, styles and cultures.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How is a dance understood?</li> <li>● How is dance interpreted?</li> <li>● What criteria are used to evaluate dance?</li> </ul>
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<b>Core Instructional &amp; Supplemental Materials</b>
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### Suggested Accommodations For All Units

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<b>Unit 4: Connecting</b>	<b>Duration:</b> 10 days throughout
<b>Standards/Learning Targets</b>	
<b>New Jersey Student Learning Standards:</b> 1.1.8.Cn10b: Employ a variety of research methods to inform the development of original dances about global issues, including climate change. Articulate ways the research deepened understanding of the topic and how big ideas are expressed metaphorically through dance.	
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- [The Art of Baseball](#)

- “How the Elephant Got Its Trunk”
- “Amandina”
- “Backstage Cat”
- “Rifka Takes a Bow”
- “Moses Sees a Play”
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- “Kamishibai Man”
- “Stagestruck”
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